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World Day of Prayer a solemn affair

Last Friday afternoon, around fifty local ladies and gentlemen turned out to the Berghal Mennonite Church to take part in the World Day of Prayer services. The local services was only one of many that were held world-wide on March 3. The focus of this year's World Day of Prayer was the people in Indonesia who have been oppressed over the years. In fact, the service that was performed this year was written by women in Indonesia.

The services opened with a very solemn dramatic procession that showed how many have been oppressed over the years. The service followed with songs, scripture readings and prayer.

Photo By Nicole Smith

Train whistle cessation not in Didsbury's future

By Nicole Smith

The constant toot of trains rolling through town will continue.

More than a year and a half after the Town of Didsbury first made application to have the train whistle ceased at the 20th and 15th Ave. crossings, their request has been pretty much denied.

The Town first applied to have the whistle ceased on July 29, 1998, when they sent an application to CP Rail. The Town received many requests from residents to see if the whistle could be ceased while going through town.

The Town was notified by CPR that in order to have the whistle ceased through town, crossing arms would have to be installed at each of the main crossings.

The Town had the arms installed and upon completion, a CPR inspector came to Didsbury to inspect the situation.

The inspector looked at issues such as sight lines and safety, and subsequently approved the company to send an application on to the federal level.

The next step was to have a Transport Canada safety inspections officer visit Didsbury to review the situation and then advise whether or not the proposal meets with their guidelines for whistle cessation.

A letter was sent to Transport Canada on Aug. 19, 1999, requesting that a inspections officer visit Didsbury and that a response on their application be given.

No word has been heard from Transport Canada since last fall regarding the matter, until last week.

Wes Yeoman, Director of Engineering and Operational Services for the Town of Didsbury, put in a phone call to Transport Canada last week to see what the hold-up was.

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Police investigating possible link between hay fires

By Dan Singleton

RCMP officers are looking for possible links between a \$1.5 million fire at the Champion Hay Processing Plant in October and several other unsolved blazes in the district, according to sources involved in the investigation.

"In among the big picture we have to look to see if there are any similarities and stuff like that, and that has yet to be determined," said Const. Grady Owen.

"We can't say with absolute certainty that there is any direct association between any and all of these," Const. Owen, with Red Deer RCMP major crimes unit, is one of several officers working on the investigation.

Didsbury RCMP Cpl. Vaughn Christensen added: "Are we looking at all of them in their totality? Yes."

In the courts...

By Leah Payne and Dan Singleton

A 25-year-old former Olds resident who attacked the same female Olds College student on two separate occasions in 1999 and 2000 has been jailed.

Gregory Lee Callan was found guilty in Didsbury provincial court on Monday on two counts of assault. Callan's three-day trial was held on Feb. 23, 25 and 28.

During the trial, the 19-year-old victim testified she was first assaulted by Callan at an Olds residence on Oct. 22, 1999.

"He grabbed me and threw me on the couch and started choking me with his hands," the woman said.

The second assault occurred on Jan. 5, 2000 also in Olds. The victim testified the accused held his hand over her mouth as she cried for help.

"He pinned me down," she said. "I told him to get off. I wanted to leave."

When she tried to leave the residence, Callan kicked the woman in the lower stomach, sending her flying across the room and into the wall.

During Friday's session, the victim's mother testified she saw marks on the woman's neck following the Oct. 1999 assault. Callan admitted he held the victim down during the Oct. 1999 incident.

"I remember holding her against the couch so she wouldn't leave," Callan said.

Recalling the Jan. 5 assault,

Two massive barns and 1,500 tons of processed hay pellets were destroyed in a late-night blaze at Champion, off Hwy 22 between Didsbury and Sundre, on Oct. 16, 1999.

"The fire at Champion is very suspicious and it is being treated as an arson," said Didsbury RCMP Sgt. Ron Platz.

A midnight fire at the Olds College destroyed a large barn in the summer of 1998. The fire is suspicious, police said.

In June 1995, a late-night fire at the Olds Transfeeder hay plant destroyed buildings, equipment and processed hay valued at more than \$1 million.

"We weren't running for about six months," Blair Wright, owner of Transfeeder. "It started in an outside pile and it came in and took out all our raw and processed inventory. It was the building, everything, it wasn't just hay, it

was just like Champion."

In August 1995, \$300,000 worth of compressed hay bales were destroyed in late-night fire at the Cremona Forage Processors plant.

"It burnt a lot of hay," said owner Gilbert Dalziel.

"It started after midnight on a Saturday night. They (investigators) had gas-sniffing dogs here and the dogs found gas in several places where it had been poured down the wall."

Investigators have not said what types of accelerants were used in any of the fires.

To date police have been unable to rule out a connection between any of the fires, all of which are considered suspicious.

As well, RCMP Sgt. Lowes noted there are several unsolved bale fires in the Olds area, some dating from 1999. "There's been hay fires all around," he said.

A reward may soon be offered for information about the Champion fire and others, said Champion general manager Reinhart Muhlenfeld.

Asked if police believe a serial arsonist is at work in the district, Const. Owen said, "I'll let your imagination run wild there."

"There's a few other things that we are still looking at doing, and one of those things is to speak to some of the other businesses in the area that have been affected and see what we can come up with," he said.

It's not known if police are seeking a link between the Champion fires and two other unresolved incidents in the district: a \$5 million logging equipment bombing in Water Valley and a \$170,000 fire that destroyed the Sundre theatre building in June 1999.

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Whistle continues

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Gayle Homenick, Signals System Officer for Transport Canada and the person in charge of the Didsbury matter, told Yeoman that she did receive his correspondence, but chose not to respond because she didn't like the tone of the letter.

Homenick informed Yeoman that she did come to Didsbury to inspect the situation on Feb. 4, 2000, and is not recommending cessation at this time for various reasons.

Firstly, she is concerned with a high degree of pedestrian trespassing that is taking place across the tracks. She says that an acceptable fence must be installed, monitored and maintained throughout the length of Didsbury before she will even consider the application.

Also, Homenick is concerned that the Town does not strictly enforce the "no parking" on the east and west side of the 20th Ave. crossing.

Yeoman says that the curb has been painted yellow as was requested, but now she is saying that due to snow cover, signs should also be put in place.

She was also concerned about vehicles that still continue to park on CPR land, even though "no trespassing" signs have been put in place by CPR.

Finally, Homenick says that the application is being denied because advanced warning signs are missing on the 15th Ave. crossing.

Yeoman says that the signs were knocked down this winter, but are going to be reinstalled very soon.

Yeoman is rather disappointed at the outcome of this situation.

"We're definitely at a standstill," he said. "The situation looks quite bleak and there's no action we can take."

Yeoman says that Mayor Ray Lea will be talking to MP Myron Thompson to see if there is any advice he can offer to the Town.

Town secures old Telus building

By Nicole Smith

Didsburians will soon see another piece of history added to their streets.

The old brick Telus building, located across from Town Office, has recently been donated to the Town by Telus.

Town CAO Evan Parliament says that the building will be restored to its original state by the Main Street Program, and then will most likely be used to house the Engineering and Op-

erational Services and Planning and Development areas of the Town of Didsbury.

Parliament also says that they are planning to open an interpretive centre within the building.

Parliament says that the Town is hoping for a fall re-opening of the "once proud building."

He lets residents know that "this is of absolutely no cost to the taxpayers in Didsbury."

Mayor Lea requesting emergency meeting with Health Minister

By Nicole Smith

The mayor wants to meet with the minister.

In a letter sent March 1, Mayor Ray Lea has requested an emergency meeting with Health Minister Halvar Jonson.

This request is based on some concern felt about the newly appointed CEO of Health Authority 5, Al Martin.

"The Town of Didsbury, as a municipal entity, understands the importance of selecting the top administrative position for a public authority," Lea said in his letter.

"We feel the method used by RHA#5 to secure the appointment of their new CEO compro-

mised the integrity of the entire process, thereby placing the board in a dysfunctional position."

Lea went on to appeal to the selection process of CEO Martin.

"Realizing your concern that you conveyed regarding the governance practices of RHA#5 board, we feel that this was not your intent nor in the spirit of resolving this issue. I'm sure you would agree, when I say, that a position of this significance carries the responsibility of employing a proper selection process that will assure the selection of the best-qualified candidate," the letter stated.

Lea is hopeful that the Minister will meet with him as soon as possible.

"We understand that there is a departmental review of RHA#5 that has been scheduled, however, due to the urgency of the appointment date of the new CEO, we are formally requesting an emergency meeting with you at the earliest opportunity available to you," Lea said.

Lea also thanked Jonson for all the efforts in the Didsbury Hospital issue.

"On behalf of the Town of Didsbury, we would like to thank you for your involvement in the recent announcement that saved our acute care facility."

Arbor Day celebrations being planned for this coming spring

By Nicole Smith

There's a new man in town, with some big plans for Didsbury.

Gerard Fournier, a certified arborist in Calgary, recently moved to Didsbury and is hoping to hold an Arbor Day celebration here.

Arbor Day is a tradition that started over 200 years ago in the States. The settlers found it a bleak place and began holding a special day each year to plan trees, which is called Arbor Day.

This tradition has spread throughout North America, and Fournier is hoping that Didsbury will pick up on the celebration.

Fournier, a member of the Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board, is wanted to hold an Arbor Day ceremony in Dids-

bury and is hoping to receive some public input and support.

"It's still in the planning stages right now," he said.

He is proposing to hold the day on May 6, and will be requesting that Town Council declare that day Arbor Day in Didsbury.

His idea is to have a company donate a tree or shrub to the board, and then have a large gathering as the tree is planted.

Fournier began this venture after spending some time in the Habitat Renewal Project, located at Westglen and Ross Ford Schools. He says that the idea behind the project is a great one, but that maintenance needs to be done to keep the trees healthy.

"Those trees need to be nurtured," Fournier said. "They're

getting smothered by the turf and the grass."

Fournier is hoping that during the Arbor Day ceremonies, those in attendance will help lend a hand to clean up the area and make it a better place for the trees there.

"Once a tree is alive, we have a responsibility for it to be taken care of," he said.

"It's all about caring and respect."

Planning Arbor Day festivities is nothing new to Fournier, who has been very involved with the City of Calgary's celebrations for the past 10 years.

If you are interested in finding out more about the board's plans, you can attend an Arbor Day meeting being held at the Town Office at 6 p.m. on March 16.

Controversial bylaws received final reading

... and other town council notes

By Nicole Smith

Final readings granted

Just prior to the Feb. 23 regular meeting of town council, a public hearing was held concerning two controversial bylaws.

Bylaws 00-01 and 00-02 are in regards to land redesignation within the Rosebud Valley Estates subdivision in Didsbury.

Currently, the land is designated a R4, which are larger lots. The Town wanted to redesignate the land to a mixture of R1 (single family dwellings), R2 (general dwelling) and C1 (commercial land).

The public hearing hosted many residents of the Estates who were against this land redesignation for various reasons, including its proximity to an old dump site, increase in local traffic and loss of aesthetic value of the land.

Council was asked to make a decision on the two bylaws during the regular council

meeting that night.

Both bylaws were granted third and final reading by council.

Kids' Day

Correspondence was received by council regarding National Kids' Day, on June 10, 2000.

The committee was requesting of council to proclaim June 10 as National Kids' Day in Didsbury.

Council accepted this correspondence as information only.

Late payment policy

The Town of Didsbury has been having some trouble regarding late payments of utility bills.

Apparently, the Town has not been taken seriously when a pending turn-off of water notice has been issued because of lack of payment of bills. Cheques were still being is-

sued at the last minute to avoid the turn-off, and often the cheque is returned NSF, and the customer has avoided the turn-off past the deadline.

To solve this problem, a new policy has been approved by council.

Now, arrangements for payment of outstanding accounts can be made up until the date of the disconnect tag being issued. Once a tag has been issued, arrangements cannot be made. Payment of the full arrears amount must be made by cash, certified cheque or money order, or arrangements satisfactory to the Director of Corporate Services Brenda Hemming.

Another policy change was granted by council whereas outstanding owner account balances may be applied to the tax roll of a parcel of land.

No Sick Time Incentives

Not taking time off for sickness really pays.

The Town of Didsbury awards those employees who do not take sick days during the year.

Traditionally, the dollars for the awards comes strictly out of the Town's QPI Reserve Account.

It seems that so many people are receiving the awards, that the funding in the account is quickly being depleted.

A motion was passed that the funding for the No Sick Leave Awards be taken from the appropriate department from which the employee serves.

Encroachment agreement

The Town of Didsbury has granted the Didsbury Bottle Depot an encroachment of 0.89 metres.

The shed at the Bottle Depot encroaches onto the Town's lot with the bus barns on it by 0.89 metres.

The previous owners of the depot signed an encroachment

agreement with the Town, and now they are asking the new owners to do so as well.

Debit services available soon

The Town of Didsbury is stepping into the financial future.

Starting soon, both the Town Office and the Memorial Complex will be offering credit/debit and Visa services to its customers.

A proposal was submitted by the Royal Bank, and the Town is looking to take them up on their offer.

The Town will be using these new services on a trial basis only, and the issue will be looked at again at the end of the year so that a final decision can be made.

The Town feels it would especially be a benefit at Town Office, because the cost of the terminal will be offset by avoiding some NSF transactions that are encountered.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

With honours



Nicole
SMITH

Last Thursday afternoon I attended a graduation ceremony.

The Grade 6 students at Westglen School held their third annual graduation from the DARE program.

The DARE program is a national program that teaches youngsters about the effects of and how to prevent alcohol, drug and tobacco abuse, as well as violence prevention.

Our local program is run by Constable Myles Peckham of the Didsbury RCMP detachment. Myles must do a real bang up job of teaching the program, because it's rare that you see kids of that age so excited about a program like this.

At the graduation ceremonies, some of the kids did skits that they had prepared. They dealt with issues like alcohol and drug abuse and smoking.

Also, a number of the students were selected to read essays that they had written about what the program taught them. All I can say is, wow! The thought and interest that these kids put into their essays was phenomenal. If each of the essays were as good as the ones that I heard, then all of the students deserve the title of valedictorian at their graduation.

I think it's so wonderful that a program like DARE can be offered in our community. It's an early start at preparing Didsbury's youth about what lies ahead of them in their teenage years, and informs them how to handle certain situations that are bound to arise.

Peer pressure is one of the hardest situations that any teen has to deal with. Friends are so important in a youngster's life, just like being "cool" is too.

I have vague memories of being taught a program like DARE when I was much younger. Obviously, the impact could not have been that great, since I can't really remember when I took the course and what I was taught.

I do know that I have seen the effects of what life without a program like DARE has to offer. I've seen good friends of mine succumb to peer pressure and begin to abuse drugs. I've seen what smoking cigarettes can do to a person. I know first hand what alcohol abuse can do to a family.

I'm not saying that by taking the DARE program, these children will never fall victim to the pressures of their peers or the stress that life has to offer. But, by having participated in the program, these kids now have the knowledge and understanding of what they may come up against in the next few years, and how to handle it effectively.

As adults, we must keep reminding the children of our community about how to be strong, how to stand up for what they believe in, and how to say "no" or just walk away from an uncomfortable situation.

I congratulate the DARE graduating class of 2000. Now, just remember the things you have learned and that will be one less struggle that life brings.

Letters are welcome

Your comment on content or issues of interest to members of our community are welcome. All letters must be signed, (signature to be printed), include a phone number and address. All letters may be edited for brevity, clarity and libel.

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Lessons for Lawrence: Lesson #3



Myron
THOMPSON

Myron Thompson, Deputy Critic for the Solicitor General, delivered the third in a series of Members' Statements entitled "Lessons for Lawrence." Every week while Parliament is in session, he and his fellow Deputy Critic, Darrel Stinson will be educating the Solicitor General, Lawrence MacAulay, on the nefarious actions of his Commissioner of Correctional Services Canada (CSC), Ole Ingstrup.

The following is Myron Thompson's Members' Statement delivered March 1, 2000.

Mr. Speaker:

This week's lesson for the Solicitor General focuses on a required attitude adjustment of one of his departments, which seems to have grown beyond his control. Once again, Correctional Service Canada has been criticized by one of its friends,

the Elizabeth Fry Society, for being arrogant and unaccountable.

In their 1999 Annual Report it describes Corrections Canada as "very insular, insecure yet self-righteously arrogant government department, where prisoners or anyone who questions CSC's actions are similarly relegated to the margins and classified as unimportant and misinformed, regardless of the seriousness and implications of the

matters raised. All energies seemed to be focused upon efforts to (confuse) the issues, discredit any perceived detractors and continue on with business as usual."

This analysis comes from an organization that works extensively with CSC. In my opinion these attitudes come straight from the very top. The Commissioner thinks he is untouchable. It's up to you as Solicitor General, to show him who's the boss!

Wonderings of the heart

By Margaret Fradley

Am I confused or what?

There are a number of things in life that tend to confuse me.

The first of these is "Ground Hog Day." Can we enjoy a short mild winter, when this feisty little creature makes his appearance and sees his shadow, or do we have to endure about six more weeks of winter? Each year I have had patient people trying to straighten me out but alas a year later, I am still perplexed and left pondering.

Another of these testing times is "daylight savings time"; do I put my clock ahead one hour or behind an hour? When I wake up the next morning I am never sure if I had an extra hours sleep or lost an hour. I try to remember it is 'spring forward' and 'fall back'; but it still causes a dilemma.

Sometime ago I received a phone call at three a.m. the caller apologized for something he had done years before, and he never realized he was actually making matters worse by working me up at three a.m. but in all fairness it was only midnight from where he was calling; or was it six a.m.? I am never sure.

There have been times when I phoned Switzerland, I have only realized I didn't have the time change right. When I heard a very sleepy voice answer and say 'hello', should I quickly hang up, or own up to my mistake.

There are other things which can cause me some confusion, but, enough confessions for this time.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Health Policy



**Richard
MARZ**
MLA

The government's *Policy Statement on the Delivery of Surgical Services* has generated a lot of public interest.

Many people are confused over what they hear from critics who continue to claim that the government is "privatizing" health care or introducing a US style two-tier system in which people with money can pay for faster service.

The *Policy Statement* released on November 17, 1999, makes it very clear that the Alberta government will put into law its commitment to a quality publicly-funded and administered health system for the province and its commitment to the principles of the *Canada Health Act*.

The proposed legislation would prohibit the development of any parallel two-tier health system in Alberta. At the same time, it would let publicly-funded regional health authorities look for new and better ways to deliver health services, improve efficiency, and reduce the waiting lists through limited contracts with surgical clinics to deliver some surgical services. The legislation would also ensure that no private surgical clinics operate outside of the control of the public system.

People ask why we are proposing the legislation at all. As it stands now, Alberta has no legal authority to regulate surgical clinics providing services requiring overnight stays. Without this legislation, there is a real possibility of a two-tier system developing.

This legislation would protect the publicly-funded health system by prohibiting, restricting or controlling private surgical clinics. Health authorities would also be able to consider all options when they determine the best way to deliver publicly-funded surgical services.

Some Albertans have also asked if patients would have to pay extra money if publicly-funded services are contracted out to surgical clinics. The answer is a clear no.

Albertans will not have to pay for medically-necessary surgical services and no person will be allowed to pay directly to obtain faster service. Facility fees charged to individual patients will not be permitted.

The publicly-funded health system would pay for insured medical services, just as it does now. Regional health authorities, which are funded by the province, would pay the clinics for facility costs, non-physician staff and administration. The doctors' fees would still be paid by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan, just as they are when the surgery is done in a RHA hospital.

People also ask why we don't just spend more money and reopen beds and wards in existing facilities.

Well, we are.

Health spending is up by over \$1.5 billion, or 35%, over the past four years, including a 10% increase this year alone. Government is spending about \$1 billion a year more this year on health than it did back in 1992-93. Alberta, has never spent more on the publicly-funded health system than it is today. On an age-adjusted per capita basis, we are the highest-spending province in Canada.

Health authorities can use the increased funding to open new beds and many of them have.

The Calgary Regional Health Authority, just as one example, has more acute care beds now than it did before regionalization began. The government has also recently announced \$265 million in new funding to add more long-term care beds and upgrade existing publicly-funding health facilities.

There are also questions about proof that using these surgical clinics will save money. A surgical clinic is not necessarily more cost efficient than a public hospital and an analysis would have to be done for any proposed contract. Only proposals that showed a net benefit to the public system would be approved.

The health authority would decide how much it would pay for a contract, based on what is cost effective for the publicly-funded system. If it was not cost effective, a health authority would not issue a contract.

A review of medical economics literature in the Fraser Institute report *How Private Hospital Competition Can Improve Canadian Health Care* concludes that Alberta's proposal will lower hospital costs and increase access to medical care.

We think our regional health authorities deserve the ability to consider all options when deciding the best way to deliver publicly-funded surgical services. Protecting and improving the public system are the reasons our proposed legislation is important to all Albertans.

Look for more information in your mailbox in March.

Wild Rose Report: Budget 2000

Canadians have now had time to sift through the Liberal government's spending proposals in this year's budget, and most will be disappointed to learn that they have been denied immediate tax relief. In fact by 2002, the average family will be paying \$703 more in taxes each year than when the Liberals took power.

Unfortunately, there is no debt repayment plan in Martin's budget announcement. This is irresponsible and unfair to the generations who will get stuck paying off the nation's \$580 billion debt. It also means that each year the government must pay \$46 billion in interest to service the debt, which represents the single largest federal expenditure. This is money that could be used to shore up healthcare, education, and pro-

vide tax relief to Canadians in the future.

The biggest insult is that delivered to farmers, especially those in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba who have been denied relief from an income crises caused by international and domestic government policies. Out of the \$86.3 billion in new spending proposed by the Liberals over the next 5 years, there is no new

money to help farmers. Oddly enough though, Finance Minister Paul Martin managed to put out an extra billion dollars into Human Resources Development, including \$222 million more for wasteful HRD grants and contributions.

Reform's plan would have seen the federal government implement a single tax rate of 17%,



**Myron
THOMPSON**

allowing \$3,000 per year for a child tax deduction, and raising both the basic personal exemption and spousal deduction to \$10,000. As an alternative to what the Liberals have proposed, these measures would have removed two million low-income Canadians from the tax rolls and given the average family a tax break of \$5,000 a year. An end to wasteful government spending and reallocating departmental money would free up the billions needed to make a meaningful reinvestment in healthcare and education.

The bulk of Martin's tax cuts stem from his decision to cancel \$13.5 billion in scheduled tax increases over the next five years. By eliminating 'bracket creep', the process whereby inflation pushed lower income Canadians onto the tax rolls and others into higher tax brackets, the government did not credit taxpayers for past losses.

Martin's 'bracket creep' initiative should have been retroactive to 1985 when the Conservatives de-indexed the tax system. Reform has been right in calling for the elimination of bracket creep over the last five years, and the Liberals should also concede that we are right on with the other tax relief measures we are proposing.

In that regard, meaningful and substantive tax relief will only be achieved by replacing the current Liberal government with Reformers in the next election.

Health Care privatization is a cover-up

Administration cost is the real threat

A press release from Alberta First Party

The Alberta First Party maintains that the Klein government's new bill, which proposes legislation for the contracting out of the delivery of some health care services to the private sector, is an attempt to cover up the real reason that health care does not work in this province.

Party Leader John Reil has continually declared,

"Three out of every four dollars spent on Health Care in this province does not go to health care delivery. It is clear that the service delivery method is not the problem. It is obvious, to anyone who studies the current system, that the only way to make our health care system work is to streamline the administrative process. Legislated contracting to private facilities of health care delivery will do nothing to change the soviet style, central planning system which is currently used to allocate health care money in this province. The only way to make our health care system work is to introduce competition into our publicly funded system."

The Alberta First Party supports the public funding of health care, however, it is their position that the funding distribution method must be reinvented to take advantage of modern technology, reduce administration costs and improve

health care delivery. "Something as simple as allowing the dollars to follow the patient to the facility of their choice will instantly force providers, through competition, to improve both their quality and timeliness of service. I think it is definitely time to put Albertans back in charge of their Health Care system", insisted Mr. Reil.

"If we compare the current Alberta Health Care System to an Alberta who is lying on an operating table and bleeding to death; the PC, Liberal and NDP solutions to keep you alive are to continually increase the amount of blood that is being pumped into you. The Alberta First solution is to stitch up your wound so that you will stop bleeding. The health care system will not be fixed by continually pumping in more money. The system must be reinvented so that it will work properly and Albertans' tax money will stop being wasted," explained Reil.

In the Alberta Treasurer's budget speech last week, he stated that the government would listen to any suggestions that Albertans had to improve the Health Care System.

It is very unlikely that they will implement the Alberta First Health care policy, because they would have to admit to wasting billions of taxpayers' money over the last 28 years that the PCs have been power in Alberta.

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FROM THE MAILBAG

Notes from Nigeria

Dan and Janet Snyder are Didsburians who are missionaries in Nigeria. They are working at a school in Jos, Nigeria for the Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada, and Dan is teaching Math and English, while Janet runs the library for the whole school. Both have been in the country periodically doing the mission work since the late 70s. The couple met while working in Nigeria and married in December 1995. Their latest excursion set out on May 15 last year and they will return to Didsbury in May of 2000 for a three month furlough. They will then return to Nigeria and will remain there until 2006. The Snyders send weekly letters to their family telling about their day to day experiences, and we at the Review believe it will be of interest to our readers.

Dear Friends,

This week peace and order have been restored in most of Nigeria. The President met with all of the governors and they agreed to promote peace and provide protection for all. In Jos we have not had any disturbances, but there is tension. The security forces have made their presence known by driving around with their sirens on. This discourages any would-be unrest. We have heard that the Muslim leaders are also discouraging violence by their young people.

Today is the carnival at Hillcrest put on by the Sophomore class. They provide games and activities for kids (of all ages) and raise money for their class activities. Some of the activities are throwing balls to knock over Coke cans, dropping clothes pins into a bottle, throwing sponges at a human target, riding horses, the zip line ride, and the bouncing castle. One of the highlights is American-style hotdogs. They purchased 500 hotdogs from Abuja and cooked them on a grill. We definitely supported the class by buying hotdogs.

This week also, we had two babies born into families of our Hillcrest community. Tuesday afternoon the houseparents at the CRC hostel had a baby boy. Friday morning our school secretary's wife had a baby girl. It's always great to have new life in the community. However, this week the mother of one of our students passed away in England. She had been there for several months for cancer treatments. Please pray for Eno and her family as they mourn this loss and adjust to life without her mother.

Thursday night we had the six sixth-grade boys over for supper. They made their own small pizzas and were well-behaved during their time here. We sat around and had a nice visit with them after the meal. We offered to go play basketball, but they wanted to sit and talk, which we thought was unusual. They had lots of stories about their families and experiences which we thoroughly enjoyed. Some of them even wanted to stay longer and talk. It was a very positive experience.

Sincerely,
Dan & Janet

Firearms Act is an utter failure

Dear Editor,

Why does the government of Canada persist in maintaining the facade of effectiveness when the Firearms Act has proved to be such an utter failure?

The recent international "lost guns" trade confusion with the American Government has only added more fuel to the rapidly growing movement to scrap the Firearms Act and replace it with more effective legislation.

Although it is now common knowledge that 90,000 handguns claimed to be lost were speculatively permitted to fill a procurement contract to the Surete du Quebec, information obtained by the CILA office has also shown a large percentage of the ammunition listed under the Import / Export Permits was destined for the RCMP.

The complete and total failure of the grossly over budget, hopelessly complicated firearms control system brings to light the following questions:

- Why did the \$315 million "state of art" firearms tracking

Government plan will weaken Medicare and cost taxpayers

Dear Editor,

You have likely heard the old saying, "it's too good to be true".

Albertans would be well advised to keep that saying in mind during the next few weeks as the government tries to sell them on its plan to allow private, for-profit hospitals to perform procedures using taxpayer dollars.

To hear the government tell it, their plan to privatize services under Medicare will solve every problem in our health system.

They say it will shorten waiting lists, reduce costs and improve access to new and modern techniques. It will make the system "more efficient". If the plan sounds too good to be true, that's because it is.

The government's plan is actually very simple. They intend to introduce legislation this spring to permit Regional Health Authorities to contract with private, for-profit hospitals and clinics to perform procedures currently only allowed in public hospitals. There are no limitations on the types of procedures it could be everything from hip replacements to cancer treatments.

The Alberta government is not the first to experiment with private health care. Britain, U.S. and Australia set up for-profit hospitals in the past. There has been extensive study on the effects this has had.

A U.S. study published in the New England Journal of Medicine compared services in non-profit hospitals and for-profit hospitals. Costs were 16% higher in for-profit hospitals. Another study showed that administration costs are four times higher in American hospitals than in Canadian public hospitals.

In Britain, after Margaret Thatcher introduced a parallel private system, waiting lists actually grew substantially larger. The public system also experienced rapidly rising costs.

In Australia, the government of New South Wales hired a private company to build and operate

a major hospital in hopes of saving millions in construction costs and annual operating costs. But the opposite happened.

According to a report released by the State's Auditor General, the NSW government could have saved \$93 million in construction costs and \$5 million a year in operating costs by building and operating the hospital itself.

We even have proof right here in Alberta that privatizing health services costs more and delivers less. In Calgary, 100% of cataract surgeries are contracted out to private clinics. The waiting list for cataract surgery in Calgary is 16 to 24 weeks. In Edmonton, where 80% of cataracts are done in public hospitals, waiting lists are 5 to 7 weeks. And in Lethbridge where all cataract surgeries are done in public facilities, the waiting lists are only 4 to 7 weeks.

Clearly, privatizing health care costs taxpayers more and delivers poorer service. It is bad economics and even worse health

policy. Why would Alberta want to go down this path?

It was this government that closed thousands of hospital beds and laid off thousands of health professionals which caused the crisis in the first place. To fix it, we need to re-invest in public health care.

My message to Albertans is this: We still have time to stop the government's ill-conceived plan. Call your MLA. Call the Premier and the Health Minister. Tell them you want health care to remain public. Tell them to put money back into public health care.

Albertans should remember that if something sounds too good to be true, then it probably is. With this in mind, we should all say "no" to the government's privatization plans. Investing in public Medicare is the best option for our health care system.

Sincerely,
Christine Burdett,
Chairperson, Friends of
Medicare

We live on a pension.

Rising costs make it very difficult for us to survive. People, young and old, can volunteer some time in Crime Watch to protect our community and make it a safer place to live.

If you are interested, call the local detachment of the R.C.M.P. or come to our meeting on March 15 at the Didsbury Library at 7:30 p.m.

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The following Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:

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Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 15 Ave. or by calling 335-3351. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing to the secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on March 22, 2000.

Robert Wigg - Development Officer.

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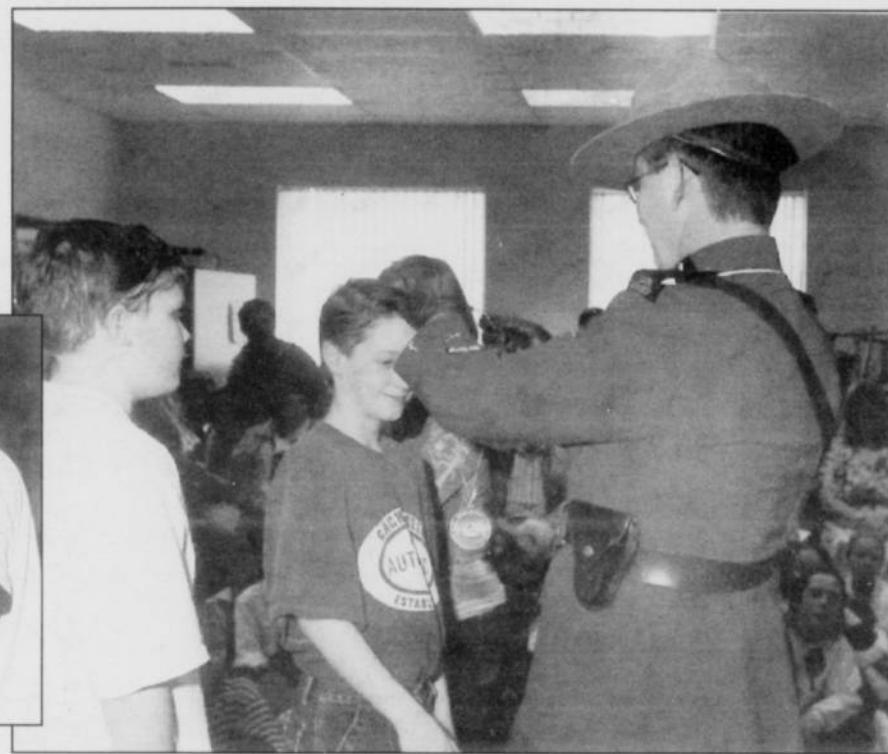
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DARE to be strong

Last Thursday was an exciting day at Westglen School, as the Grade 6 class held their DARE graduation ceremonies. Students had been learning about drug and alcohol abuse and violence prevention for the last while, as taught by Constable Myles Peckham. The Grade 6's performed skits, read essays and then received awards and gifts for having taken part in the program.

Right: One of the nearly 50 graduates received his medal for having done an outstanding job on the essay portion of the course.

Below: Shaun Murphy, one of the Role Models of the DARE program, helps hand out prizes to the class.



OKCS update

By April C.D. Barton

The Canadian Broadway Musical "Anne of Green Gables" is coming to Olds in April!

Students from Olds Koinonia Christian School will be presenting their rendition of the heartwarming tale April 6, 13, 14 and 15th.

Production Director - OKCS English and Drama Teacher Erin Wiebe - says the stage musical is a first for the school.

"OKCS hasn't done a musical before, and I chose "Anne" because the story and the music appeals to all ages and all audiences."

Having produced many musicals over the past 10 years during her association with Okotoks' High School of Fine Arts, Miss Wiebe says OKCS students have worked very hard at this project. About 22 cast members from grades 9-12, plus numerous other students and teachers involved in set design and music preparation have been in rehearsal up to four days a week since last October.

"None of the rehearsal time has been done during school hours," said Miss Wiebe. There is, however, the possibility that students who put in over 150 hours on the project will be able to apply for credits towards Professional and Performing Arts courses.

Of special mention is the creative assistance the OKCS Drama Club is receiving from professional choreographer Erica Harding. Originally from Okotoks, Ms. Harding has recently returned from New York where she is employed as an actress, singer and dancer.

Costumes for the colourful evening will be "handmade, scrounged and hunted down," said Miss Wiebe. "The hardest thing we're having to find is an old-fashioned ice-cream maker."

The background sets will be purposely simple. "We want the focus to be on the kids, rather than on spectacular sets," she explained.

Tickets to the April 6, 13, 14 and 15th performances are now on sale at OKCS for \$8 each. Show time is 7 p.m. in the school's Music Room. There is limited seating and absolutely no tickets will be sold at the door. Funds raised thru the musical will first go towards paying the publishing company's fee for performance rights. Any remaining money raised will then go towards future OKCS Drama Club presentations.

OKCS is located one mile east, then three-and-a-half miles south from Olds; or from Didsbury, five miles north on Hwy 2A to the Amerada Road, 1 mile east and half-a-mile north. For more information on the Anne of Green Gables production or for tickets, call the OKCS office at 556-4038.

Jackson W.I. News

By Noreen Olson

Joan Foad was hostess for our February meeting and roll call was answered by 11 members and 5 guests. We were happy to welcome Provincial Handicraft Convenor Brenda Willsie, Handicraft Convenors from sister W.I.s; Alice Bramley, Regine Klink, JoAnne Van Arnam and Foad's Ag. Exchange student Stinne Jensen from Denmark. Opening songs were; Happy Days are Here Again and happy Birthday for Nellie Davies.

Roll Call was, Confess to A School Days Crush. Secrets long buried were revealed and old loves resurrected. Some had fallen for Handsome teachers, some for school mates, one for a cousin who sadly turned out to be too short, there were Steer Riders, Ball Players, younger men and a relationship that was wonderful on paper but did not survive proximity. One member had gone to an all girls school and didn't know any boys, one had a hard time deciding which crush to confess to!

As our Secretary was ill Lita Reid took over secretarial duties. Delegates to District 5 Workshop on March 4, will be Marie Olson, and Dorit Bird. Other members hope to attend part time. Constituency Conference is April 26, Dorit and Lois want Handicraft entries in as soon as possible. To the March meeting would be best. Please bring Home Ec. Entries to Dorit or Ev on the 25. Encourage a friend to come to the Conference, listen to Brian

Keating and view the Handicraft.

Our January Speaker was from, Hope for The Nations Children's Home. It was moved that we donate \$50.00 toward that organization. Chinook Creative Arts Foundation is having their annual show on April 29 and we are invited to participate. We will enter as a group and appoint someone to deliver and pick up our entries.

Our Founders Day Party at Lita and Alan Reids was well supported and the proceeds from it will be split among: Alberta Women's Institutes Office Fund, Adelaide Hoodless Homestead and Associated Country Women of The World.

Correspondence included the newly corrected Handicraft List, information on the ACWW Conference in Hamilton in 2001, let-

ter from Area Vice President Elizabeth Rushton, and information on Provincial Convention May 26 and 27 in Olds.

When the meeting was adjourned our Guest Speaker and an admitted quilting addict, JoAnne Van Arnam demonstrated Stained Glass Applique Technique. This method produces wall hangings that look like stained glass windows. JoAnne had several samples with her that were simply breathtaking. Her ability to choose and blend colour combined with flawless technique have produced prize winning entries in several competitions. She gave each of us a pattern to produce a stained glass heart and we are all inspired to do so.

Next meeting will be March 22 at Marguerite Krebs.

Lodge News

By Annie Caush

Hi all!

Hope you are all well and able to enjoy our lovely weather. Here at the Lodge, we keep busy and often don't notice how nice it is.

On Valentine's Day we had a combined Valentine's Party and February Birthday Party. Jim Haug and Bob Hillock provided the entertainment and the Lodge was nicely decorated. Those celebrating February birthdays are Margaret Evans, Vi Mihailoff and Nora Wiegard. Happy Birthday all! Several auxiliary members served a lovely lunch. Since our last news we have had two other musical groups to entertain us - "Chatelaine" and "Fred Bay and Friends." Both were very much enjoyed. Thanks so much!

During February we have also had two speakers, one from the "Heart and Stroke Foundation" and the other from the "Canadian National Institute of the Blind." Both were very informative.

In hospital we have Kay Brown, Anne Harper and Rena Leischner. We hope you feel better soon.



The upside of downtime

By Marilyn Logan

As we waited for the car to warm and dislodged ice from the windshield one winter, my husband and I made a hasty decision. A few days in warm tropical sunshine might be just the thing we needed to pull us out of our winter doldrums.

Although excited about the trip, we tend to be procrastinators when it comes to packing. The morning of our departure, our suitcases sat empty. Nevertheless, we knew we would have three hours after work to gather the essentials before heading for the airport, forty-five minutes away.

Leaving things to the last minute isn't a good strategy. Both my husband and I were delayed in getting away from our respective jobs. The minutes started ticking down precariously. Arriving home, I heard a faint but unusual sound coming from the family room. More precious minutes ticked by as I scoured the room trying to find the source of the noise. To my surprise, it was coming from the fireplace. As I opened the glass doors my heart sank.

Inside flapped not one, but three very jittery, soot covered sparrows. Of all days for this to happen! Carefully, I stuck my hand through the wire mesh enclosure. The peck and consternation that followed caught me off guard. Within seconds all three birds managed to swoop through the opening an escape into the house. It was difficult to follow their flight plan. Most likely planning played no part in their manoeuvres. Escape was all they had in mind. As I ran frantically from room to room in pursuit of these unwanted visitors, I noticed that a couple of them had perched in a large tree above the front door. Overlooking cold gusts, I opened the front and patio doors. Maybe the smell of fresh air would entice them to freedom.

When my husband arrived he was greeted with chaos. Bolting to the garage, he returned with a broom and a fish net. Holding the handle tightly, he raised the broom to the height of the foliage. A flurry of feathers erupted as the birds took flight. The fish net came next. My husband ran hither and yon, swooshing and crashing. Much like his fishing efforts, the net proved to be useless.

The birds continued to dive and careen, crashing into walls and light fixtures and leaving a trail of soot on the ceiling. The clock moved forward. One sparrow headed for the kitchen. Quickly I opened the breadbox. As luck would have it, the bird happily sought its security. I slammed down the lid. Opening it slightly, I let my hands grope blindly in the cavern. My fingers finally touched the warm feathers of this hyperventilating intruder.

Securing him firmly in both hands, I raced for the door. I'm not sure who was more thankful for the safe release.

The second bird decided to navigate the stairs and explore the master bedroom. By the time I found him moments later he was unconscious. Apparently he had attempted to seek companionship with his image in the dresser mirror. I picked him up, bid him the best of luck, and placed him on the deck near the feeder. It didn't take long for his companions to nudge him back to consciousness.

One more to go. We searched high and low for this last home invader but were unsuccessful in locating him. To this day we hope he managed to sneak through the door undetected while we were in pursuit of his two cohorts.

Now that the turmoil had ended we checked the clock again. An hour and a half left to gather what we needed and get to the airport. It's amazing what you can accomplish when pressed for time. The organization of our suitcases was less than dignified, but the indispensable items were there.

We flew out of the house an hour before we were due at the airport. Naturally road conditions proved to be tricky. Despite a white knuckle drive, we managed to reach the airport within moments of check in time. After passing through customs and surveillance we were finally able to catch our breath. Sitting contentedly in the departure area we savoured the thoughts of our upcoming adventure.

Moral: Feathered friends can really delay flight plans.

Common Ground: Youth Justice Resource Association

by Chris Bannerholz & Kallie Lavoie

With "Common Ground" up and running once again, we at the Youth Justice Resource Association decided it was an appropriate time to remind everyone of what we do and who we are! The program began as a pilot project in early November 1997. The goal was to provide a resource to Youth Justice Committees as well as the communities at large in Region 5. Recently, we received our non-profit status and our name changed from the Youth Justice Resource Program (YJRP) to the Youth Justice Resource Association (YJRA). Our intent to provide early intervention services to children, youth, and families in the region continues.

With a mandate to "empower the community to address their youth issues by creating initiatives to reduce youth recidivism and to prevent youth offending" the YJRA is committed to establishing and maintaining a network of partnerships in the communities in Region 5. Most recently, we

have been developing connections with the Siksika Reserve. Initially, the program was designed to serve the districts of Strathmore, Hanna, Didsbury, Acme, and Drumheller (all of which are currently operating a Youth Justice Committee). However, we certainly seem to be in many small towns throughout the region from time to time! The program seeks to partner with such agencies as local RCMP, Youth Justice Committees, Probation, schools, youth church groups, local businesses, and most other people who are also committed to serving the community and addressing the needs of families. Prior to the set up of this program, resources did not exist that were attainable for Youth Justice Committees, or the time frame to access them was simply out of the scope for the 3 months each committee has to complete its contract with young offenders.

Currently, we have two staff members in the program as well as a very active volunteer board. Chris Bannerholz is the

Regional Resource Worker of the program. Chris has been with the program some time and brings much practical experience to his position. As well, he has completed a criminology diploma and psychology degree. Chris has many important roles in the program which include public speaking (sexual assault and dating violence, justice education, anger management), mentoring, assisting families manoeuvring through the court system, and administrative skills to numerous to list! Kallie Lavoie is the full-time Therapist with the program. Kallie is still relatively new to the position having come on in August of 1999. She primarily is involved in the interagency committees in the region and has many early intervention and prevention projects on the go.

We hope this little outline of our program provides some new information to you or reminds you of our program. For more information, please feel free to contact Kallie or Chris at 934-6396.

MCC responds to the Mozambique disaster

Mennonite Central Committee is responding to the disaster unfolding in Mozambique.

An estimated 800,000 people are affected by floods in Mozambique, one of the world's poorest countries. Thousands are currently stranded in trees and on houses, waiting to be rescued.

MCC has eight development workers in Mozambique. They are all reported safe and MCC is now shifting its focus to flood-relief efforts. Rice, beans, peanuts, milk powder, cooking oil, soap and blankets valued at \$33,000 have been purchased locally for distribution among flood victims.

"MCC is currently exploring the feasibility of a more major local food purchase," said Marion Meyer, an MCC program officer.

Three of the MCC workers are from Canada. Beth Henderson is from Calgary and is currently living in Chimoio, far away from the flooded area. James Kornelsen and Michelle Janzen are from

Winnipeg and are currently living in Maputo.

"After many days of heavy rain, Maputo has become a city besieged by a deluge of water that must find its way to the sea," said James Kornelsen in a recent message from Maputo.

He reports visiting one poor "barrio" (neighbourhood) in Maputo and seeing a deep slash in the earth cut by running water. Hundreds of houses were destroyed and families left homeless.

"It's as though God dragged his heel through the earth," said Kornelsen.

Donations to MCC's relief in Mozambique are welcome. Cheques should be made out to Mennonite Central Committee and marked Mozambique Floods. The mailing address is Mennonite Central Committee, 76 Skyline Cres. NE, Calgary, AB, T2K 5X7.

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Quintessential Wordplay camps

The Writers Guild of Alberta is announcing the beginning of registration for YouthWrite Y2K: Quintessential Wordplay. Each year, approximately 60 young writers, ages 12 to 18, from across Alberta and the North West Territories participate in YouthWrite summer camp. YouthWrite Y2K is a week-long immersion and exploration of the power of words, the power of characters, the power of images, the power of play. Each day features different themes, activities, workshops, guest performers and guest authors. Participants work with established and emerging authors, dramaturges, illustrators, improvisers, storytellers, songsmiths, poets and a host of other instructors who use the written word for their livelihood.

Participants live, write, and play in the beautiful and creative setting of Kamp Kiwanis or the Bennette Centre for the duration of the camp. July 17-21, 2000 (ages 12 to 14) will be hosted at the Bennette Centre in Edmonton, Alberta. July 23-28, 2000 (ages 15 to 18) will be hosted at Kamp Kiwanis in Bragg Creek, Alberta. Cost is \$300 for ages 12 to 14 and \$360 for ages 15 to 18. The Writers Guild of Alberta offers four scholarships for participants in financial need, and coordinates the Isabel Miller Young Writers Award, that awards cash or partial sponsorships to YouthWrite.

This year's quintessential workshops include: Crash! bang! woosh! writing for radio; How to make your fiction bubble and boil; Dancing stories, singing paintings, acting music: writing from every direction; Life in the flicker: writing for the movies; Jammin': from lyrics to song; No rhymes necessary: all poets welcome; Spyder bites: the twisted art of cartooning; and more, more, more!

This year's quintessential instructors include: cartoonist Spyder Yardley Jones, playwright Cathleen Rootsmaert, poet Bob Stallworthy, screenwriter Phil Taranger, children's author Martyn Godfrey, TheatreSports aficionados Jacob Banigan and Mark Meer to name a few.

Participants apply with a sample of their writing, reference letter, and a completed questionnaire. For a brochure, application form or more information please contact:

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4-H Dairy Club news

by Sarah Kemmere

The Mountain View Dairy Club has been very busy. We've had two judging clinics already. Only two more to go. We held our public speaking day on February 20 at the Didsbury Elks Hall. Thanks again to the Elks for letting us use the hall. Everyone did a great job, lots of the members presented their first speeches ever. These are the members that will go on to the area level.

For the Juniors:

1st - Joey Kemmere

2nd - Kurt Phillipsen

Intermediates:

1st - Sarah Kemmere

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What is CenAlta FUTURES?

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- Twelve geographical zones have been defined in Western Canada.

- The objective is to accumulate funds, by zone, in recognition of the hours worked in that zone, and then distribute the funds to worthy projects in that same zone.

Prairie Partners

As the year proceeds our club manages to get busier and busier! We attended a multi judging competition on the 12th of February at the cow palace to freshen up our judging skills for the busy year ahead. We will also be involved in the Regional multi judging on April 15.

Our small engine club will be putting in a car in the Carstairs demolition derby on beef and barley days and we ask for your attendance to cheer us on. Club public speaking was held on February 13 and there were many good speeches said by all. Our representatives that will advance on to areas on March 4 will be: Jill Stevens and Jamie Reboul for the senior category, Karlee Stevens and Sarah Reboul for the intermediate, Kegan Laut and Bradie Reboul for the junior. Congratulations to everyone!

We would also like to congratulate Justin Maetche, Jonathan Dowell, Ashleigh Maetche, Megan Bond and Sarah Reboul for having your record books advance on to Regional's on November 27. Good job! We continue to ask for your support to donate batteries to the club for show supplies. If you could please call Tony Stevens at 337-2963, Rod Hannah at 335-4190 and Lew Maetche at 556-2959. Thank you for your support!

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a brief glimpse of people and events in our community



Kristy Johnston

Go to the head of the class

Diploma exams are always a source of worry for upcoming graduates. Will I do well? My whole future depends on these exams.

Well, one local Grade 12 has nothing to worry about.

Kristy Johnston, a future grad at DHS, recently scored 100% on her Math 30 exam and 98% on her Biology 30 exam.

Although Johnston did say that the exams seemed rather easy to her, she did spend countless hours studying and preparing for the rigorous tests.

She says that she normally does well in subjects like Math and the Sciences, but Physics is her favorite class.

"I don't like having marks under 80%," Johnston said. She says that when she found out about her top marks, which was about two and a half weeks ago, the school announced it over the PA system.

"It was really kind of embarrassing," she said.

She has nothing to be embarrassed about being one of only seven DHS students to have ever scored 100% on a diploma exam.

Johnston says she is planning on attending the University of Calgary in the fall to pursue an education in Engineering.



Inez Kosinski and Layne Wilk

Donating to Didsbury's future

Last Thursday morning, the Didsbury Municipal Library received a \$2,500 cheque from CenAlta. Inez Kosinski happily accepted the donation from CenAlta representative, Layne Wilk.

This money will be put towards the implementation of a Kids' View Workstation at the Library, as well as enhancing the media collection.

With the help of these dollars, the Library will be purchasing videos of works by favorite children's authors, books and tapes for beginning readers and CD ROM format reference materials.

The \$2,500 donation is part of CenAlta's Futures Funding Distribution. The program is a joint venture between CenAlta and various other companies, including: Crestar Energy, PanCanadian Resources, Canadian Hunter Exploration, Husky Oil Operations and Petro-Canada Oil and Gas.

Local hockey player scouted for elite team

A big honour was bestowed on one local female hockey player lately.

Dayna Moreau was recently chosen to play in the Foothills Elite AAA Hockey Summer Program in Airdrie.

She says that she was approached for the team during the Alberta Winter Games Zone 2 tryouts in Carstairs a while back. Moreau says that the head coach talked to her parents about her playing on the elite team and then asked her if she would be interested.

"I was really excited," she said about the incident.

Moreau, 13, will hit the ice with her new team at the end of April and will wrap up the first week in July.

It will be quite an intensive time for her, as the team practices twice weekly, as well as having a game each week. Also, she will take part in two tournaments this spring, in Saskatoon and Airdrie.

Moreau says that this league is very competitive and is looking forward to playing with the team.

Moreau has been playing hockey for the past four years and is currently playing centre for the Didsbury Bantam girls team. She is also affiliated with the Midget girls team, and played with them during their provincials.

Moreau says that she is hoping to continue with her hockey career and someday hopes to secure a scholarship for female hockey at a post-secondary institution.



Dayna Moreau



Gail Wilson

Youth never to be "board" again

There's never a dull moment when it comes to the Didsbury Youth Club and ways young people in town can take a more active role in their future.

In fact, the Club's secretary, Gail Wilson, says there are countless ways for youths to develop skills, knowledge, and values people of their age group require to become fulfilled adults.

Right now, for example, they are looking for members to sit on their Didsbury Youth in Action Board - part of a Youth Leadership Program the club is presently undertaking.

Members range in ages of Grades 5-8 and meet with adult advisors once a month to plan a variety of events. Some of the past events that have proven remarkably successful include: dances in the Multi-Purpose Room, Loonie Swims and Saturday afternoon gym times.

If you are in the age group of Grades 5-8, or know of someone who is, and is interested in joining, please call the Didsbury Youth Club at 335-4697.

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Sons of Norway News

by Noreen Olson

The February meeting opened under President Leif Terning and with the Canadian and Norwegian anthems. After roll call, minutes and a shortened treasures report it was moved that we reimburse Inga Norre for the new tea kettle. Noreen Olson gave the report from the Febru-

ary executive meeting. Committee reports followed. Moved by Barb Olsen and seconded by Ken Holmberg that we charge \$16.00 for Spring Fling Tickets. Please put name and address on the back of all tickets sold and keep a list of those to whom you sold tickets. Several people were missed last year and they were very disappointed.

Sports Committee reported that The Bowling and cards Day on March 19 will cost \$15.00 and this includes a Steak Dinner. It was decided that the Lodge would subsidize this venture. The Ski weekend was successful and several of the participants finished the day with Chinese Food. Culture committee has Rosemaling classes arranged for March 25 and 26. This is 2 full days at a cost of \$60 and includes supplies. Call Linda or Olga for more information.

Under Good of The Order, Leif presented Johnny

March is Kidney Month

March is Kidney Month across Canada. During that month, The Kidney Foundation holds its annual March Drive Campaign. More than 9,000 volunteer canvassers will be going door-to-door in Southern Alberta March 1-12 raising money to continue the fight against kidney disease. As always, the Foundation is relying on the public's generosity to make a difference.

"Kidney disease currently ranks sixth among diseases causing death in Canada and we have every indication that it is on the rise," says John Boksteyn, President of the Southern Alberta Branch of The Kidney Foundation.

Music festival

Candia Griffin grew up in Crossfield, Alberta and participated in the Olds and District Kiwanis Music Festival for several years. In 1995 she received First Class Honours and Distinction marks. She was awarded scholarships for "Best Vocal Solo Concert/Recital", and "Best Overall Vocal Soloist - Girls 16 and Under". She was recommended for Provincials and went on to compete in Edmonton.

In 1996, Candia received scholarships from the Olds and District Kiwanis Music Festival for the following categories: "Best Classical Vocal Solo 16 and Under", "Best Vocal Solo Concert/Recital", "Best Overall Vocal Solo 16 and Under", and was again recommended for Provincials, where she placed third. Candia plans on furthering her Music Education with Graduate Studies. Candia is the first of three special guest performers who will be performing at the Grand Concert on Tuesday, March 28 at 7 p.m. at the Deer Meadow School. Come and hear this very talented lady!



Alberta Weekly Newspapers Association

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The Alberta Weekly Newspapers Association has appointed Jeff Beardsworth as its new Sales/Marketing Representative, effective March 6, 2000.

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Johnson with a 26 year pin, Noreen brought thanks from Donna Howden for the support shown by the Lodge at her husband Jack's funeral, and Gil reported on his involvement with Ski for Light. During Coffee and visiting time those of us who are interested in obtaining our Cultural Skills Pins compared notes, methods and bookwork. Barb Olsen and Olga Terning are willing to help and many of us would qualify if we took time to apply.

Next meeting is 6 PM, March 27, Olds Evergreen Centre. This is an Ethnic Pot Luck Supper and your dish can help to earn a Cultural Skills Pin. Guests are welcome.

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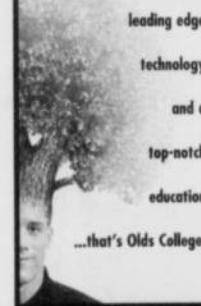
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Didsbury Outlaws 4-H Club Update

By Marissa Pratt

Our club has been very busy this month. We worked at the Farm and Ranch Bonspiel on January 8. Our club joined in on the fun at the 4-H curling bonspiel in Didsbury on January 23.

On February 14, Dr. Krebs came to our meeting to talk to us and show us a video about our horses health and care. After he had a question and answer period. He was very helpful to all of us, thank you Dr. Krebs.

Public speaking was held at the Westcott Hall on February 20. Everybody did an excellent job on their speeches.

The members that carry on to area are, Junior - Martin Anderson and Marissa Pratt; Intermediate - Stephanie Norsworthy and Megan Grudeski; Senior - Cari Ann Viney and Jamie Krebs.

Good luck to all participants on March 4.

On March 14 we start to ride at the new livestock building in Didsbury.

Focus on the Family



James C. Dobson, PH. D., is founder and president of Focus on the Family, a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home. Dr. Dobson is married, the father of two grown children, and resides in Colorado.

For 14 years he was an associate clinical professor of pediatrics and the university of Southern California School of Medicine, and served for 17 years on the attending staff of the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. He has also been heavily involved in governmental activities relating to the preservation of the family.

QUESTION: There are several single parents in my church who seem to be so needy. I would like to help them, but honestly, I am barely able to do everything necessary to care for my own family. What responsibility do you think I have to help these other families?

DR. DOBSON: Everyone is busy today. I don't know of any families who aren't experiencing fatigue and time pressure. None of us need new things to do, certainly, but I do believe it is our duty to reach out to those who are going through hard times. This is especially true of single parents because their vulnerable children are the ones who suffer.

Many years ago, my wife, Shirley, was working around the house one morning when a knock came at the front door. When she opened it, there stood a young woman in her late teens, who called herself Sally. "I'm selling brushes," she said, "and I wonder if you'd like to buy any."

Well, my wife told her she wasn't interested in buying anything that day, and Sally said, "I know. No one else is, either." And with that, she began to cry.

Shirley invited Sally to come in for a cup of coffee and share her story. She turned out to be an unmarried mother who was just struggling mightily to support her 2-year-old son. That night, we went to her shabby little apartment above a garage to see how we could help this mother and her toddler. When we opened the cupboards, there was nothing there for them to eat, and I mean nothing. That night, they had both dined on a can of Spaghetti-O's. We took her to the market and we did what we could to help get her on her feet.

Sally is obviously not the only single mother out there who is desperately trying to survive in a hostile world, and they could sure use a little kindness -- to have someone offer to baby-sit, or bring over a meal, or repair the washing machine, or just to show a little thoughtfulness.

Raising kids alone is the toughest job in the universe. Can you find it in your heart to baby-sit for that single mother one afternoon a week? Or maybe you can fix extra food when you cook and take it over some evening. Imagine what that kindness will convey to a mom or dad who comes home exhausted and discovers that someone cares about his or her little family. Not only will it bring encouragement to the parent, but one or more children will bless you as well.

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Words from Westglen

By Alicia Penner

These past few weeks have been extremely busy for all the students at Westglen. Congratulations to all those who participated in the "Read to Succeed" reading. The top reading class mid way through the contest was 7B and the top readers were Alicia Penner and Nichole Engle.

Basketball players have had a great time this season. The boys' A team, which is coached by Mr. Miller, has had a successful season with six winning games and no losses. The boys' B team has not won any games but Mr. Thompson, who is their coach, says they are improving a lot, having fun and learning much. He also says that the grade sevens who are on the team this year will be ready to try out again next year in grade eight. The girls' A team, coached by Mrs. Aggarwal, has won one game and the B team coached by Mr. Green has lost all their games. I think that winning is not everything although it is great to have the feeling of victory. As long as they're having fun and learning all they can, it would be a successful year. All the players are putting their best effort in and

that is very important.

We are very privileged to once again have Mrs. Jepson paint another mural on our walls. She has painted our school gym mural, the mural at the pool, the picture on the wall of the skating rink and the golfer on the water tower. This time, beside one of our water fountains, she has painted a tree, on which is a scale to measure your height.

There have been a few WOW activities lately. Everyone enjoyed the video dance and the ski trip to Fortress Mountain. We are lucky to have opportunities like this. Thank you to all the teachers and parents who help make them possible. Another big event is the trip to Florida next year at Easter. They will be visiting Disney World, the NASA space centre, and even the beach. We hope to have many students participate in this activity.

Our major fund-raiser, the magazine campaign, is now complete and was wonderfully successful. We raised almost \$22,000, of which \$2000 was selling subscriptions to the Didsbury Review. Mrs. Hansen and Mrs. Nickel worked very hard organizing the sale. They would like to

especially thank Mrs. Debbie Brander and her family helpers and Mrs. Judy Fillmore for their help with the accounting. Thank you to all the students who worked so hard. Lance Mullen was again top salesman. Thank you, as well, to all the parents and friends who purchased magazines.

All our band classes are madly practising for their competitions at the annual Kiwanis Music Festival in Olds this week. Good luck to all. Mrs. Aggarwal's art students are decorating our school with many of their fine products. The Library is host to their Pop Art sculptures and their water colours. The office area displays their batik dyeing. Thanks Mrs. A, they are really interesting. Also new to the decorations of our school is a mini atrium in our front foyer. The silk plants and the crockery really brighten the area. This is thanks to Mr. Green and funds from the school store.

There is one more addition to the school. She is Mrs. Leiper, an Education student at Red Deer College, who is doing her practice teaching with Mr. Overgaard. Welcome Mrs. Leiper.

WAY OF LIFE RELIGION

Way of life: Mystic experiences

By Reverend Malcolm Profitt

Every once in a while something is mentioned in a sermon alluding to some mystical experience. Always after such an occurrence, I am amazed at how many folk begin to discuss extraordinary ways in which God has influenced their lives. Some have received clear messages from God. Others have had premonitions that have come true. Others have found meaning through dreams. Prompted to ask others, "Have you ever had a mystical experience?", nearly everyone replies, "Yes."

Yet, in our religious traditions at least, very few choose to

discuss their experience without some prompting. I wonder why that would be. One possibility is that they view their mystical experiences as incompatible with intellectual integrity, and with empirical science. We need to hear that many scientists would no longer scoff at such experiences. Could it be that, if we were

vocal about the mysterious ways we have experienced God's working in our lives, we would have faith strengthened, and be encouraged to wrestle with the interplay of science and faith? That, to my mind, is a pleasant thought.

How about you? Had any mystical experiences lately?

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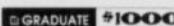
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Report to Albertans

GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA - WINTER 2000

Budget 2000 Reflects Strong, Diverse Economy

Thanks to careful planning and an increasingly diversified economy, Alberta is taking off. Right now, our economy is growing strong with a 4.5% increase in GDP expected in 2000. Over the next four years, Alberta's economy is expected to grow more than 15% - now that's healthy!

BUDGET New Century. Bold Plans. 2000

For a full copy of Budget 2000, go to www.treas.gov.ab.ca/comm/budget

High Quality Health Care

Spending on health will increase 21% to \$6.26 billion by 2002-03. That means we will spend more than \$17 million a day helping Albertans stay healthy. In 2000-01, the health budget is \$5.65 billion - an increase of \$482 million or 9.3%.

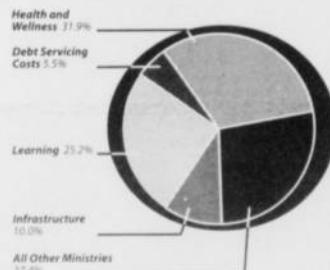
We're bringing health care into the 21st century with a new six-point plan:

- ① Improve access to quality, publicly-funded health services
- ② Improve the management of the health system
- ③ Enhance the quality of health services
- ④ Increase emphasis on wellness promotion and disease and accident prevention
- ⑤ Foster new ideas to improve health care
- ⑥ Protect the publicly funded and administered health system with legislation

Funding increases will be used to:

- Hire 2,400 nurses and other front-line staff
- Keep up with the rising drug costs
- Keep up with the need for and cost of blood supplies
- Help address health care salary increases
- Keep up with the growing caseloads and service costs for people with developmental disabilities
- Fund more hip and knee replacements, organ and bone-marrow transplants, heart surgeries, neo-natal procedures and kidney dialysis
- Expand home care services, health promotion and prevention programs, and addiction prevention and treatment services
- Buy medical equipment
- Add 40 residency positions in Alberta's medical schools

Government Spending in 2000-2001



Total revenues for 2000-2001 are estimated at \$19 billion. \$17.7 billion will be spent on programs and services including health, education and infrastructure.

In Budget 2000, we continue the responsible fiscal management that got us this far:

- Balanced budgets
- Debt repayment
- Prudent revenue forecasts
- Affordable spending plans
- Open, accountable government

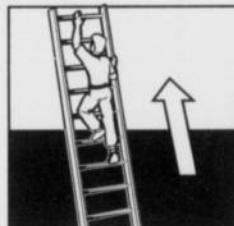
Alberta's economy is unique. The amount of money the province collects goes up and down dramatically from year to year. In the last decade, we've seen annual increases up to 15% and decreases of as much as 5%. A lot of this comes from revenues we get from the energy sector, but that's changing. Using the innovation and know-how of Albertans, we are diversifying the economy so that it can withstand the ups and downs of a volatile energy sector.

Debt Falling, While Credit Rating Rising

Alberta's \$8.3 billion net debt was paid off in June 1999, and we've already started paying off the remaining accumulated debt. On March 31, 2000, the accumulated debt will be \$12.5 billion. In the next three years, we'll pay off another \$1.2 billion.

Paying down debt helps keep our credit rating high and the cost of borrowing low. Alberta has the highest provincial credit rating in the country.

Also, when debt is reduced, so are our interest payments. Debt-servicing costs will be \$765 million lower this year than in 1994-95. And that means \$765 million a year more for priorities like health and education.



\$12.5 billion of accumulated debt still to be repaid

\$10.2 billion of debt will be repaid by March 31, 2000

Fees Fair

As of February 25, 2000, user fees for provincial programs and services will be cut \$60 million a year. We are the first and only province to take such a step.

More than 100 fees will be reduced or cut including:

- Probate fees
- Land Titles Registry fees
- Personal Property Registry fees
- Corporate Registry fees

Taxes Remain Competitive

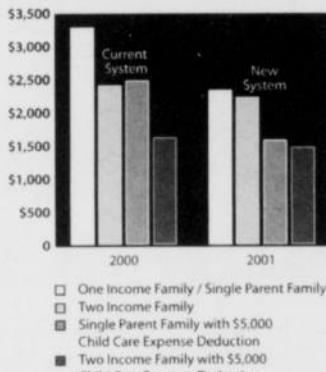
Albertans pay less tax than anyone else in Canada. To keep this competitive advantage, we will:

- Review business taxes to make sure they're competitive
- Cut provincial education property rates by 2.6%
- Accelerate the new tax system promised in Budget '99

In January 2000, we eliminated the 8% deficit elimination surtax and in January 2001 we will:

- Eliminate 0.5% deficit elimination flat tax
- Switch to a single rate of 11% on taxable income
- Increase basic and spousal exemptions substantially to \$11,620
- Eliminate bracket creep by indexing exemptions to inflation

Families with two children, earning less than \$31,000 a year, will no longer pay provincial income tax in Alberta. In all, 132,000 Albertans will no longer pay provincial income taxes.



Taxes paid by families with two children earning \$55,000.

Excellence in Education

Funding for basic education will increase by \$227 million or 8.8% in 2000-01. In order to meet our target of creating 23,000 new spaces in post-secondary institutions, funding will go up by \$68 million or 7.7%. Post-secondary students will get a break on student loans and benefit from:

- Increased financial support
- Increased grants, bursaries and scholarships
- Improvements to the Alberta Student Loan program

The funding for basic education will be used to:

- Hire 2,200 new teachers and classroom aides
- Put more computers into classrooms
- Provide schooling and other appropriate services to a growing number of children with severe disabilities
- Expand literacy programs and reduce class sizes in the early elementary grades
- Implement the Alberta Student Health Initiative so up to 73,000 Alberta students will receive services such as speech therapy and counseling
- Keep up with inflation and teaching salaries

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New Re/Max owner is promoting our community

By Nicole Smith

For new Re/Max Mountain Aire broker-owner Dan Peters, community is what it's all about.

Peters, who took over the local Re/Max business in January, says that he spends a great deal of time selling the town of

Didsbury to his clients.

"At Re/Max, we believe in our community," Peters said. "I spend my life promoting Didsbury. That's what I sell - community."

Peters says that the key to being a successful realtor is be-

ing a part of the community which you live in.

"In order to be successful in this business, you have to be visibly involved in the community," he said.

And visible he is.

Peters has been selling real

estate with Re/Max in Didsbury since 1994. He has been managing our local office since 1995.

Peters says that he had been negotiating a sale of the business with the former broker-owner, who is out of Calgary.

"I really feel the importance of it being owned locally," he said of the business.

Peters also feels it is important that he and his agents work full-time as realtors.

"We sell real estate full time. This is not part time work," he said.

"We promote ourselves as full-time realtors because this is what we do for a living."

This full-time approach to real estate must be working well for Peters, as his business had close to 200 transactions last year.

He says that the business has been increasing steadily over the years, as the area has been growing.

"Our business has been good," he said. "A nice steady growth."

Peters specializes in residential, commercial and acreage properties in Didsbury. Another member of his team, Allen Reed,

specializes in residential properties within town.

Peters says that he got into real estate because he couldn't stand having a stifling nine to five job anymore.

He says now he is always in business, but doesn't mind that at all.

"Everything you do is business and I don't mind that," he said.

"It's just not a job. You can't look at it as a job."

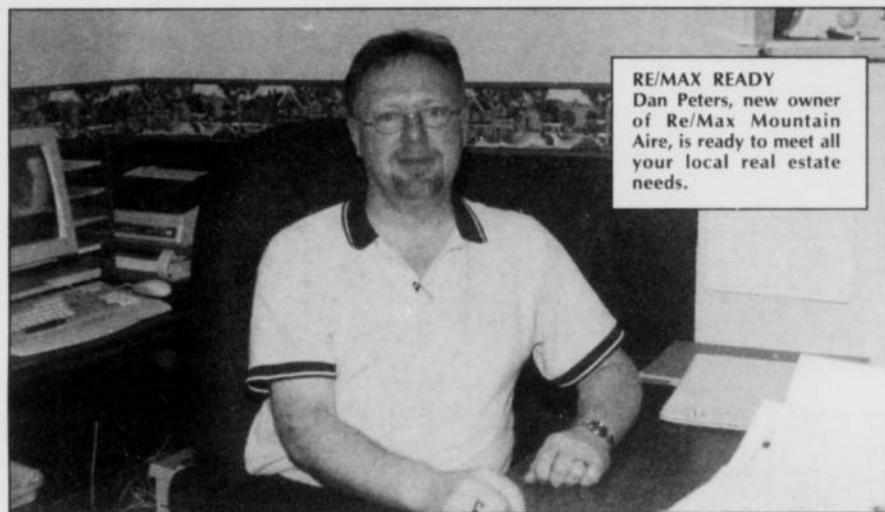
Peters says that what he enjoys most about the real estate business is the people.

"I love the continual contact with the most fascinating people in the world," Peters said. "The people aspect of it is the best."

He says that "availability is the key to success" in real estate.

To make him more available to his clients, Peters operates a 24 hour phone line, which can be dialed at 335-3377.

Peters also has the Re/Max Mountain Aire business on the Internet. You can check out the site at www.remaxmtaire.ab.ca.



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New payment option approved

On March 2, the Board of Directors approved a new Fixed Price Contract which lets farmers fix a price or a basis for their wheat before the beginning of the crop year.

"Farmers who want to lock in a fixed price or basis for their wheat and get full payment for it earlier now have that option," said Board Chair Ken Ritter.

"We've listened to farmers who say they need more flexibility in the CWB system to manage cash flow on their farm. At the same time, this method of payment is separate from the CWB price pooling system, which will continue to be there for farmers who want it to manage their risk by receiving initial, adjustment and final payments throughout the marketing period. Wheat delivered under Fixed Price Contracts and wheat delivered under traditional price pooling will occur under existing methods available to all farmers, namely acre-based calls and delivery contract calls."

Ritter said the Board approved a Fixed Price Contract applying to Canada Western Red Spring (CWRS) wheat (excluding Canada Feed wheat) in 2000-01. There are two components available to farmers in the Fixed Price Contract. They can lock in a fixed price for a given quantity of wheat based off the CWB's Pool Return Outlook or they can lock in a basis over the Minneapolis Grain Exchange

futures price and later lock in a futures price prior to delivery.

Mr. Ritter said the 2000-01 program is our first step together with farmers in developing flexible payment options. "We would appreciate receiving feedback from farmers regarding the 2000-01 program as well as ideas for development and enhancements in subsequent crop years," Mr. Ritter said.

Beginning with the announcement of the CWB Pool Return Outlook (PRO) on April 27, 2000 and then every month up to and including July 2000, a fixed price and a basis for farmers will be made available for a period of up to five business days for farmers who want to lock in a price for No. 1 Canada Western Red Spring Wheat, 13.5% protein.

Farmers who lock in a basis along with their tonnage must then commit to a Minneapolis futures price by contracting the CWB prior to settlement, or prior to the first notice day of the futures contract, whichever comes first. Farmers interested in participating may then contact the CWB to commit a minimum of 20 tonnes.

The fixed price will be calculated using the midpoint of the PRO (basis instore Vancouver/St. Lawrence) minus a charge for risk, administration and the time value of money. This basis will equal the fixed price minus the current Minneapolis futures price, adjusted to Canadians

dollars per tonne.

The Board also agreed at today's meeting to actively explore other mechanisms that would enable farmers to receive funds in advance based upon their equity in the CWB pool accounts.

The Board said implementation of the payment options will not have any impact on the CWB pool accounts. A major principle in designing the payment options is that they not affect the core-strengths of the CWB -- single desk selling, price pooling and the partnership between farmers and the federal government. A Contingency Fund will be established for the operation of the Fixed Price Contract. Farmers who use this payment options pay all costs of operating the programs.

Full details of the program are available on the CWB's toll free line at 1-800-ASK-4-CWB, our Web site at www.cwb.ca and in the March/April issue of *Grain Matters*, the CWB's newsletter to farmers.

The CWB is the world's largest wheat and barley marketer. Headquartered in Winnipeg, Manitoba, it is one of Canada's biggest exporters and the largest net earner of foreign currency.

Marketing Prairie-grown wheat and barley to over 70 countries around the world, the CWB returns all sales revenue, less the costs of marketing, to farmers in Western Canada.

Olds Auction Market Report

for the week ending Feb. 29, 2000
Cattle 1266 - Hogs 148

Butcher Cattle:

C1 Heiferettes 64 to 79; Feeder Cows 52 to 60;
Grain Fed and Exotic 54 to 61.5; Med. Flesh Cows 47 to 54;
Older Cows 42 to 47; Bologna Bulls 64 to 72;
Holstein Cows 46 to 52; Feeder Bulls 73 to 83

Replacement Cattle:

250-380 lb steers 150 to 185; heifers 127 to 163;
400 lb steers 145 to 177; heifers 123 to 156;
500 lb steers 130 to 159; heifers 120 to 145;
600 lb steers 120 to 144; heifers 117 to 136;
700 lb steers 110 to 127; heifers 105 to 120;
800 lb steers 104 to 115; heifers 100 to 112;
900 lb steers 96 to 109; heifers 95 to 105;
1000 lb steers 93 to 103; heifers 91 to 101;
Bred Cows 1000 to 1380; Bred Heifers 1110 to 1230
Cow/Calf Pairs 1100 to 1400; Holstein Steers 600-1000 84 to 105

Dairy Barn:

Baby Bull Calves 300 to 440; Larger Bull Calves 440 to 600;
Baby Heifer Calves 200 to 350; Larger Heifer Calves 385 to 530

Hog Division:

Weiner Pigs 27 to 40; Small Feeders 41 to 59;
Sows & Gilts 90 to 120; Larger Feeders 60 to 77;
Boars 65 to 110

Sheep and Goats:

Ewes 78; Feeder Lambs 120; Nannies 90

Feed:

Small Square Hay 1.50 to 3.30; Large Round Hay 15 to 33;
Straw 80 to 130

Foodgrains Bank pulling together

Several Canadian Foodgrains Bank members are working together to respond to the immediate and longer-term needs of people in Mozambique who have been forced from their homes as a result of torrential rains and flooding that have devastated large areas of the country.

A month of heavy rains followed by Cyclone Eline caused massive flooding in many provinces, disassembling bridges and roads and driving thousands of families from their homes. Farmers have had their fields and crops completely wiped out and there is large-scale damage to most community infrastructures. Estimates put the number of people effected between 500,000 and a million.

"One of the greatest strengths of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank program is its ability to draw on its bank of grain and cash donations to provide a co-ordinated response to natural disasters and the people they affect. Our members already have

strong relationships with partners on the ground that live and work in the affected areas," said Trish Jordan, director of resources with the Winnipeg-based charitable agency. "This allows us to quickly determine immediate needs, but also to plan for the longer-term rehabilitation and support that will still be required long after the cameras have left Mozambique and its people."

Presbyterian World Services and Development (PWS&D) is taking the lead on the Foodgrains response to Mozambique through its partner relationships with the Presbyterian Church of Mozambique and the Christian Council of Mozambique. Other Foodgrains Bank members that have committed resources to this collective response include the United Church of Canada (UCC), Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and Church of the Nazarene (CNZ). Some members are still in the process of reviewing the situation with vari-

ous contacts and could also provide additional responses within the next few weeks.

Work has already started on arranging an immediate local purchase of food commodities, likely in South Africa, to provide food to people driven from their homes in three different provinces. "We plan to store the food here in Maputo and are hopeful that within two weeks the roads will be passable," said Mark Gordon of the Presbyterian Church in Mozambique. "As we speak, it looks like the only way to get food to people in many of the affected provinces right now is through foot drops and even then, there is a shortage of helicopters."

This initial response of cereal grains, beans, oil and sugar will be followed up with a provision of seeds and tools to farmers so they can get back on their land and get a crop planted in time for the new growing season which begins in late-March. All this assistance will be co-ordinated and distributed through on-

the-ground partners in an estimated 14 districts.

"Our total program will be carried out over the next six months with a larger shipment of Canadian commodities to be programmed as food-for-work," said Jordan. "This final stage will involve people of Mozambique and the Foodgrains Bank partners and members working together to rebuild roads and rehabilitate farmland. It's about providing hope to the people of Mozambique as they work to pull their lives back together and feed their families once again."

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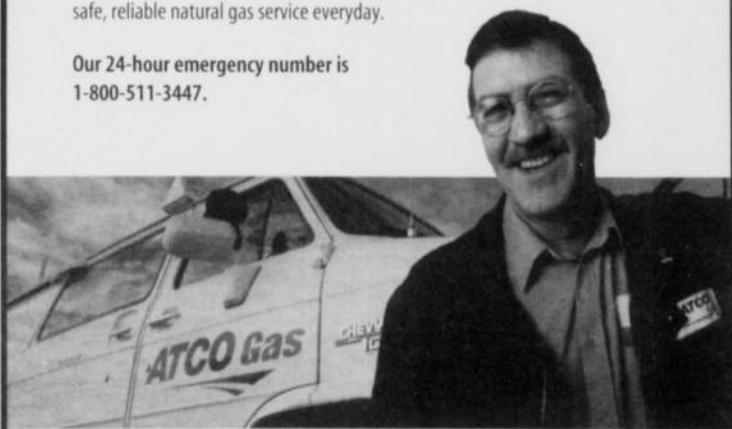
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Didsbury Lions Club Annual Funspiel a success

by Marge St. Clair

16 teams from Olds, Carstairs, Cremona, Edmonton and Didsbury were entered for this fun bonspiel members of the Lions Club and their wives did a superb job of satisfying many big appetites with their cooking skills and thirsts were quenched by the many members who did their duties, thanks to all for a fun weekend!

The 50/50 draws were won by Bill Johnson and Curtis Mousseau. Door prizes were won by Janna Poyer - Edmonton - Sports cooler bag donated by Bruce Smith Grader Services. Brian Setter, owner of Water Valley Golf Course donated 2 18 hole Golf Certificates which were won by Lloyd Devine and Harvey Perkins.

When the curling draws were finished, the winners were as follows:

A Side - Trophies donated by Ray Lea Construction and Triad

Painting Services (Gerald Johnson) and presented by Ray Lea to Harry Reese, Greg Reese, Barry Reese and Bob Monteith.

2. Prizes donated by Vanda Agencies presented by Ray Lea to Vance van Dam, Gerry LeBlanc, Diane Taylor and Edna van Dam.

3. Stephen Stiles - Carstairs

4. Brian Setter - Cremona

B Side - Trophies donated by Ray Lea Construction and Triad Painting Services (Gerald Johnson) presented by Ray Lea to Ed Bauer, Dennis Remillard, Harvey Perkins and Bill Carruthers.

2. Prizes donated by Vanda Agencies presented by Vance van Dam to the Eric Allen team skipped by Delbert Taylor, Susan Pederson, Eric Allen and Bev Craig.

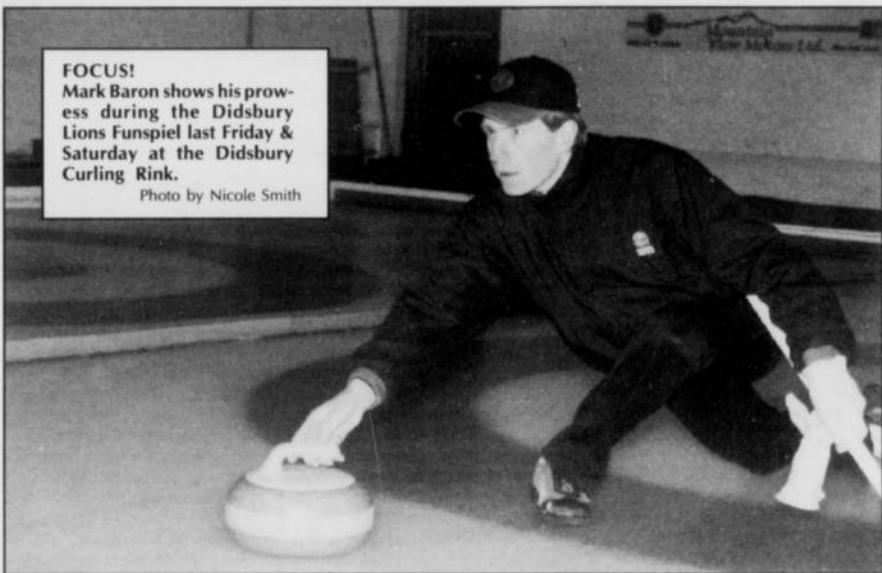
3. Wayne Fizer - Didsbury

4. Nick Baran - Didsbury

You can relax now Bruce, everyone had a great time!

FOCUS!
Mark Baron shows his prowess during the Didsbury Lions Funspiel last Friday & Saturday at the Didsbury Curling Rink.

Photo by Nicole Smith



The Didsbury Rustlers' play their last game of the season

The Didsbury Rustlers played their last game of the season. The team travelled to Sundre for a tournament. Game one started Saturday at 11:40. The Rustlers took on Bowden 1 and handled them quite easily. The Rustlers took an early lead and never looked back. Jesse Steward had the game opener with an assist from Kasey Eichhorst. Jesse maxed out with a hat trick for the game. Kyle Gebers scored next and also maxed out with a hat trick. Going into the third the Rustlers had a 6 goal lead. They came out flying and Braydon Hopfe popped one in, Kasey Eichhorst put one up on the score board for the team, Zach Pochapsky, and Dustin Moreau decided to each add one more goal for the team. Jonathon Johnson played net for the first half of the game and when he

came out he was just flying. Matthew Jaenen finished up the game and shared the shut out. The final score was Rustlers 10, Bowden 0. Great game team.

Game number 2 started at 9:20 a.m. Sunday. The Rustlers were up against the Sundre Sabres. Sundre had the game opener after 11 minutes of play. The Sundre goalie was stopping all Rustler shots and leaving no rebounds for the Rustlers to pick up. The Rustlers let them get 3 goals ahead, and were unable to catch up even though they dominated most of the game. The Rustlers were held scoreless until the third period when Kyle Gebers finally snuck one by the stone wall goalie. The Rustlers were very excited when they finally scored. They had a great game. The next game started at 1:20.

Game two for the day brought out the Sundre Crocs. The game was a good one and saw the Rustlers playing as a team. Eric Timmins had the game opener as well as his first of the season, and to make sure he did it up right he had a second for the game in the third period. Jonathon Johnson had a hat trick for the game which is all the tournament rules allowed for. Andrew Peterson had a lovely assist on one of his goals. Matthew Jaenen had another goal in the first as did Kasey Eichhorst and Kyle Gebers. This gave the Rustlers a 7-2 lead going into the second period. Sundre fired back and the score was 8-4 heading into the third. Kyle Gebers rounded out his hat trick in the third period and Zack Pochapsky popped one in for good measure. The game tally was Rustlers 11, Sundre 5.

The Rustlers knew going into Game 2 that to make the "A" final, they had to win by 5 goals. They were up for the challenge and saw some great team work from Trent Uhlrich who never quit trying to rush the puck, Jon Carlson who has made great strides as this is his first year of hockey, and from Chelsea Overwater who seems to always be there for the rebound.

Game 3 for the day and not to mention the "A" final started at 4:00 p.m. The Rustlers went with Ryan Hunter in net. He played well in both of the games earlier so why not play in the final? Once again the Rustlers held the Sundre Sabres scoreless until mid-way thru the first period. But by the end of the period Sundre had a 3 goal lead. The second period brought a beautiful pass from Braydon Hopfe in the corner to Kyle Gebers waiting out front. This beat the stone-wall goalie that Sundre had. What a goal. But the Sundre team

started to pull away. The Rustlers were feeling the effects of being in their third game of the day. Sundre was one up on the team there as they were in their second. The Rustlers played to the end and can be very proud of their game. The game ended 8-1 for Sundre. Three games in one day is a lot and the Rustlers gave it their all. Way to go team.

The season is officially over with only the Awards Night to look forward to. The coaches of the Rustlers would like to wish all DMHA players a great summer and look forward to seeing you next season. The players wish to thank their coaches for their time and effort. Thank you Duke Moreau, Ron Hunter, Howie Snyder, and Tom Petersen.

The players also send a big thank you out to their parents for taking the time to help them in their hockey pursuits. And finally to each other for playing as a team and having fun.

Mixed Playdowns

by Marge St. Clair

The District 2 Mixed Playdowns hosted by the Didsbury Curling Club the weekend of Feb. 25-27 were most successful in all aspects; great curling, spectators and comaderie. Teams entered from Lethbridge (2), Calgary, Westwinds, Olds, Airdrie & Sundre and after the final draw on Sunday afternoon, the winners were:

A Qualifier

from Lethbridge - Trevor Armstrong, Tara Halpin, Steven Andrews and Stacey Evernden

B Qualifier

from Westwinds in Calgary - Steven Slupski, Kelly Schuman, Neil Hart and Tanis Lowe

C Qualifier

from Sundre - Brad Bouchard, Shawna Kelly, Kevin Vernnard and Mona Vennard

These teams will now participate in the Southern Playdowns at the Westwinds in Calgary March 23-26/00. Good luck to all!



A clean sweep for the Didsbury Lions Funspiel



THE BIG WINNERS WERE ...
The A event winners: Bob Montieth, Barry Reese, Greg Reese and Harry Reese.



B event winners: Bill Carruthers, Dennis Remillard, Harvey Perkins and Ed Bauer.



A event runners-up: Diane Taylor, Jerry LeBlanc, Edna van Dam and Vance van Dam.



B event runners-up: Delbert Taylor, Susan Peterson, Eric Allen and Bev Craig.

Canadian Rodeo Report

COWBOYS READY--CANADIAN CHUTE-OUT

By Barry Williams

After a couple of months trekking through the United States, area cowboys are ready for an old fashioned Canadian chute-out.

The chutes on the 2000 Canadian Professional Rodeo Association season are set to open on March 16 with the staging of Rodeo Royal scheduled in Calgary from March 16-20.

Because event winners at Rodeo Royal receive a berth into the short go-around at the Calgary Stampede, it is considered the premiere rodeo in the spring circuit. Other rodeos scheduled to commence on March 16 include Camrose and Medicine Hat.

At the famous San Antonio Rodeo, which was held in the wide open spaces of Texas from Feb. 6-20, local cowboys were able to come home with some American change jingling in their Wrangler jeans.

Defending CPRA bull riding champion, Robbie Bell, of Water Valley, AB., won the fourth round of the eight go-around rodeo with a score of 84.

However, he was unable to ride another bull in the qualifying rounds and failed to make it to the lucrative final round.

After being severely injured a year ago in the States, Cremona bull rider Greg

Whitlow returned with avengence by marking an 88 good enough for first place in the eighth go-around.

Meanwhile, in the lively roughstock bareback competition, Drake Whitney of Cochrane placed second in the third round by spurring out a 77.

After a discouraging season last year due to accumulative injuries, Big Valley bull rider, Kelly Armstrong, made it to the San Antonio final round. Armstrong moved into sixth place in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association/Crown Royal world standings by earning

close to \$5,000 at San Antonio with a 2/7 split in the rodeo's final go-around.

Whitney was ranked within the top ten in the world standings earlier on but has ran into a string of bad luck and is now out of the top ten in the bareback competition.

Whitlow and Bell have failed to crack the top 15 in the world standings in their respective disciplines.

Locally, the first major rodeo scheduled for central Alberta is the Makin'8 Silverbuckle Rodeo slated for Red Deer's Westner Exhibition Park from April 27-29.

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Atom Rock & Roll to host Provincial Tournament

The Rock & Roll were off to Banff to play Canmore on Feb. 13. Canmore jumped to a 3-0 lead early and Didsbury couldn't get untracked. The Rock & Roll started to get their feet moving in the second period and the game was 3-3 after 2. The third period saw good end to end action from both teams and the next goal would be a big one. Canmore got the goal with about 8 minutes to play and the Rock & Roll sagged after that. The final score was 8-3 and the boys appeared frustrated after a good effort.

Next up was Drumheller in Didsbury for game 1 of Provincial play. It was a hard fought game by both teams as usual between these two but Drumheller scored 8 to Didsbury's 4. Chris Jackson played well between the pipes but Drumheller crashes the net well and scored 2 goals that way.

Cochrane came to the Rock & Roll barn on Feb.

25 for an exhibition game. They came determined to win and they won easily 9-4.

The Rock & Roll called up some Atom Rottweilers players in preparation for the Provincial Tourney here in March. Tim Phillips, Kelly Kohut, Jeff Choquette, Travis Dietrich and Matt Collinge have stepped up to get a taste of what's in store in the tournament. They all played well.

Sunday, Feb. 25 saw Drumheller come to Didsbury for game two of the Provincial series. The Rock & Roll had spurts of good team hockey but they were mostly chasing Drumheller for the puck. The Rock & Roll again went down to defeat by a score of 7-3 so Drumheller is the Zone 6 Champ and will represent Zone 6 in the Atom B Provincial Tournament being held in Didsbury on March 17, 18 and 19. The Didsbury Rock & Roll will enter the tournament as the Host team and they play March

17 at 10:30 a.m., March 17 at 8:30 p.m., and March 18 at 1:00 p.m. The Rock & Roll hope to make Sunday, March 19 a hockey date for themselves as the

semi-finals and final will be played.

The Rock & Roll hope everyone in Didsbury and come out to cheer them on so that they can hang a

Provincial Champs banner from the rafters. Coaches Bruce Robertson, Doug Miller and Asst. Coach Lewis Klink are working hard to get the

Rock & Roll in top form for this showcase tourney.

March 4 & 5 is the annual Carstairs tournament, results to follow next week.



AWARD WINNING

The Didsbury Figure Skating Club was invited to participate in a fun competition with the Crossfield Figure Skating Club which took place Sunday, February 27, 2000. The skaters had a great time and as you can tell by their smiling faces each enjoyed winning a medal.

Back row: Ashley Cureton, Erin Wood and Dana Bishop; Second row: Heather Smith, Kylene Beazley, Dessarae Camp, Jessica Cureton, Morgaine Johnson and Emily Johnson; First row: Gillian Shields, Melissa Cureton, Caitlan Hunter, Kandace Mitchell and Amy Russel.

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Didsbury hosted the District 2 Mixed Playdowns



District 2 C Qualifier

From Sundre - Brad Bouchard, Shawna Kelly, Kevin Vennard and Mona Vennard



District 2 A Qualifier:

From Lethbridge - Trevor Armstrong, Tara Halpin, Steven Andrews and Stacey Evernden

Rock & Roll Update

The Rock & Roll played in the Carstairs tournament this weekend and they played well.

The first game was against Crossfield on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. The Crossfield team jumped out to a 2-0 lead early, but our boys kept plugging away and after 2 periods it was 4-2. The third period was up and down action by both sides and the final score was 6-3 for Didsbury. Mitch McKitiak, Nick Pochapsky, Jesse Bayley and Danny Miller had strong games and Chris Jackson was solid in nets.

After a 1 game rest the Rock & Roll took on host Carstairs Bruins. Josh Robertson, Riley Edwards, Jonathan Lefebvre and Ryan Miller showed up big in this match. Carstairs played very well but in the end, the Rock &

Roll took a 6-3 victory. Sunday morning, the Rock & Roll team took on Airdrie and totally dominated the whole game. Travis Dietrich was a checking demon in this one with Dakota Uhlrich and Joe Kemmere showing strong games also.

We were going to the final against the same Airdrie team at 4 p.m. This game was a lot more exciting as a different Airdrie team showed up to play. After 2 periods the score was 4-2 Didsbury. The Rock & Roll managed to keep the lead and won the championship in the end.

The whole team played well this weekend and can use this as good experience for the big Provincial Tournament on March 17, 18 and 19. See you there!



A SUPER SHOW

Hundreds of people turned out to watch the Didsbury Figure Skating Club's annual Ice Show last Sunday afternoon, held at the Memorial Complex. Dozens and dozens of future Olympians showed off their skating skills and wonderful costumes.

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District 2 B Qualifier:

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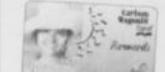
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Lies one's we love so dearly
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In death we love you still.
We know you walk beside us
And when our lives are through
We pray that God will take our hands
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MEMORIAM

MURRAY - In loving memory of a husband, father and grandfather Garnet L. who passed away March 14, 1994. For all that life has given me, And all that's left to do,

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So if my tears should fall today,
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For all the years without you,
That still lay ahead.
Alone, but not quite alone,
I face an empty chair.
But sometimes in the silence
I imagine that you are there.
We made our vows together,
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So when God came and took your hand,

My whole life fell apart.
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10 COMING EVENTS

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On March 1, the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board issued its decision implementing new rates for TransAlta Utilities Corporation (TransAlta) customers commencing March 1, 2000, based on Decisions U99035 and 2000-11.

The new rates more fairly pass on costs to all electric industry customers, reflecting market conditions that exist in Alberta's restructured electricity industry. TransAlta's rate of return to shareholders is not affected.

Of TransAlta's 13 broad customer rate categories, seven have decreased, five have increased and one is unchanged. Categories that will experience rate decreases include residential, farm, and small general service.

Others, such as irrigation and large general service, are subject to an average increase.

However, the impact on individual customers may vary significantly within each category, depending on their electricity usage characteristics, such as the amount of electricity used, the time of day that use occurs, and the load factor.

The new rates represent the first allocation of costs between customer categories since electricity industry restructuring commenced in 1996. Although this decision affects REA customers in TransAlta's service area, it does not directly impact customers municipally owned systems such as Edmonton, Calgary, Red Deer, Medicine Hat and Lethbridge.

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